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II. Organizational questions

A. Opening of the session

5. The organizational meeting of the thirty-first session of the Committee on Information was held on 4 May 2009 at United Nations Headquarters. The session was opened by the Acting Chairman of the Committee, Marc Emilian Morar (Romania).

B. Election of officers

6. In accordance with the principle of geographical rotation, the Committee held elections for a new Bureau for a two-year term. Upon his nomination by the representative of the Group of African States, Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima (Cape Verde) was elected Chairman by acclamation. Upon their nomination by the representatives of the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Western European and Other States Group, respectively, Amir Hossein

Hosseini (Islamic Republic of Iran), Irakli Chikovani (Georgia) and Stephane Crouzat (France) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation. Upon her nomination by the representative of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Sheree Chambers (Jamaica) was elected Rapporteur, also by acclamation. The officers of the Committee on Information for the period 2009-2010 are thus as follows:

Chairman:

Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima (Cape Verde)

Vice-Chairmen:

Amir Hossein Hosseini (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Irakli Chikovani (Georgia)
Stéphane Crouzat (France)

Rapporteur:

Sheree Chambers (Jamaica)

C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

7. At its organizational meeting on 4 May, the Committee adopted the following agenda and programme of work (A/AC.198/2009/1):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Admission of new members.
5. Statement by the Chairperson.
6. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.
7. General debate.
8. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General.
9. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information.
10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

8. The Committee held its general debate from 4 to 7 May 2009. On 4 May, in the afternoon, the Department of Public Information, led by its Under-Secretary-General, held an interactive dialogue with Member States.

9. For its consideration of agenda item 8, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: strategic communications services (A/AC.198/2009/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: news services (A/AC.198/2009/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: outreach services (A/AC.198/2009/4).

D. Observers

10. The following Member States took part in the session as observers: Cameroon, Fiji, Malaysia, Panama, Rwanda, Slovenia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). The Holy See and Palestine also participated in the session as observers.